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Zimmerman House
Walkersville
Private

Circa 1780/1847
John A. Johnson
Dewitt C. Johnson

The Zimmerman House, a two and a half story brick structure with connecting brick wings and outbuildings, was built in sections. The west wing, the oldest section of the house, was built in the late eighteenth century. The brick main structure was built in 1847 by John A. and Dewitt C. Johnson. The home was purchased by Ephraim Zimmerman in 1893 and has remained in the Zimmerman family to the present day.

The west wing, a two and a half story brick and stone structure, is four bays wide. Occupying the second bay is a wooden panelled door with four light transom. Occupying the remaining bays are original 9/6 pegged windows. The structure rests on a stone rubble foundation and is covered by a standing seam tin roof.

The main structure, a two and a half story brick structure, is three bays wide. The main entrance, a wooden replacement door crowned by a four light transom and a brick flat arch, is located in the first bay. The remaining bays are filled by replacement 1/1 windows. A row of two pedimented lintels is found above the second story windows. The structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof. A one bay entrance porch supported by two plain columns and plain railing spans the facade of the structure.

A later addition east wing consists of a three bay wide brick structure with a second story closed porch. Stone and frame outbuildings are connected to the east wing. A number of distinctive outbuildings including a stone barn and brick silo make the Zimmerman House and Farm a significant structure in the Walkersville - Mount Pleasant area of Frederick County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Zimmerman House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Stauffer Road

CITY, TOWN

Walkersville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth M58/P70

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. and Mrs. J. Trego Zimmerman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

9104 Stauffer Road

CITY, TOWN

Walkersville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21793

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 855

Folio #: 186

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Zimmerman House and farm, located on the north side of Stauffer Road facing south, consists of a common bond brick main structure with connecting brick wings and stone outbuildings.

The Zimmerman House, like a great many rural structures, was built in sections. The oldest section and the original structure on the property is the two and a half story west wing of the current residence. The principal facade of the west wing is four bays wide. Occupying the second bay is an entrance which consists of a recessed doorway with a six panel wooden door crowned by a four light transom. Occupying the remaining bays on the first floor are original pegged 9/6 windows. Wooden louvered shutters now closed, cover two of the second story windows and one of the first floor windows.

The facade of the west wing is constructed of common bond laid brick. The west and north sides are constructed of stone now partially stuccoed. The structure rests upon a stone rubble foundation. It is covered by a standing seam tin roof beneath which is found a stepped brick cornice. A single brick chimney rises from the west gable of the structure.

The main structure of the Zimmerman House, a two and a half story residence, is constructed of common bond laid brick. The principal facade is three bays wide. Occupying the first bay is the main entrance, a replacement wooden door crowned by a four light transom and a brick flat arch. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second floors are replaced 1/1 windows. Two dormer windows are found above the second floor windows. The 2/2 dormer windows are crowned by pedimented lintels, decoratively carved and topped by a flower petal design.

A one bay entrance porch with plain tympanum spans the facade of the structure. It is supported by two plain columns and two colonnades framed by plain wooden railing. The porch is covered by a standing seam tin roof.

The entire main structure rests on a stone rubble foundation. It is covered by a standing seam tin roof beneath which is found a boxed cornice with short return and a stepped brick cornice. Two brick chimneys rise from the structure, one from the east and one from the west gable end.

The east wing, the most recent addition to the structure consists of a two story brick addition. The wing is three bays wide. A second story closed porch is covered by novelty siding and supported by Doric columns on the first floor. The entrance, a replaced wooden door, is found in the second bay. Occupying the remaining bays are 6/6 windows crowned by flat arches.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Zimmerman House, a common bond laid brick two and a half story structure with connecting wings and outbuildings, was built in several sections. The west wing, the oldest part of the house, was constructed in the late eighteenth century. The main structure of the present residence was constructed in 1847 by John A. and Dewitt C. Johnson.

A number of prominent citizens have owned the farm through the ensuing years. It was purchased by Ephraim I Zimmerman in 1893.¹ Ephraim I Zimmerman was a large landowner in the Mount Pleasant - Walkersville area. He served as a school commissioner for the county, an elder in the Mount Pleasant Reformed Church, and as a staunch financial supporter of the Union Army in the Civil War.²

The property passed to Clayton M. Zimmerman upon the death of Ephraim Zimmerman in 1894.³ Auburn Farm, as it was then called, was described as an historic residence inhabited by a number of prominent individuals in Frederick County history.⁴ The Zimmerman House and Farm have remained in the Zimmerman family to the present day.

The Zimmerman House and Farm are significant as early rural structures in the Walkersville area. The west wing of the structure, the oldest section of the house is clearly a late eighteenth century structure. In addition to the historical value of the home, the numerous stone and frame outbuildings are of particular interest. The stone barn and brick silo to the east of the house rank as among the most significant agricultural structures in the county.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber J.L.J. 3; Folio 636.

²T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967) Vol. II, p. 1198.

³Frederick County Land Records, Liber, J.L.J. 5; Folio 645.

⁴T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967) Vol. II, p. 1199.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 135 acres, 15 square perches

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Deborah Sheetenhelm, Intern

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

10/15/79

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St.

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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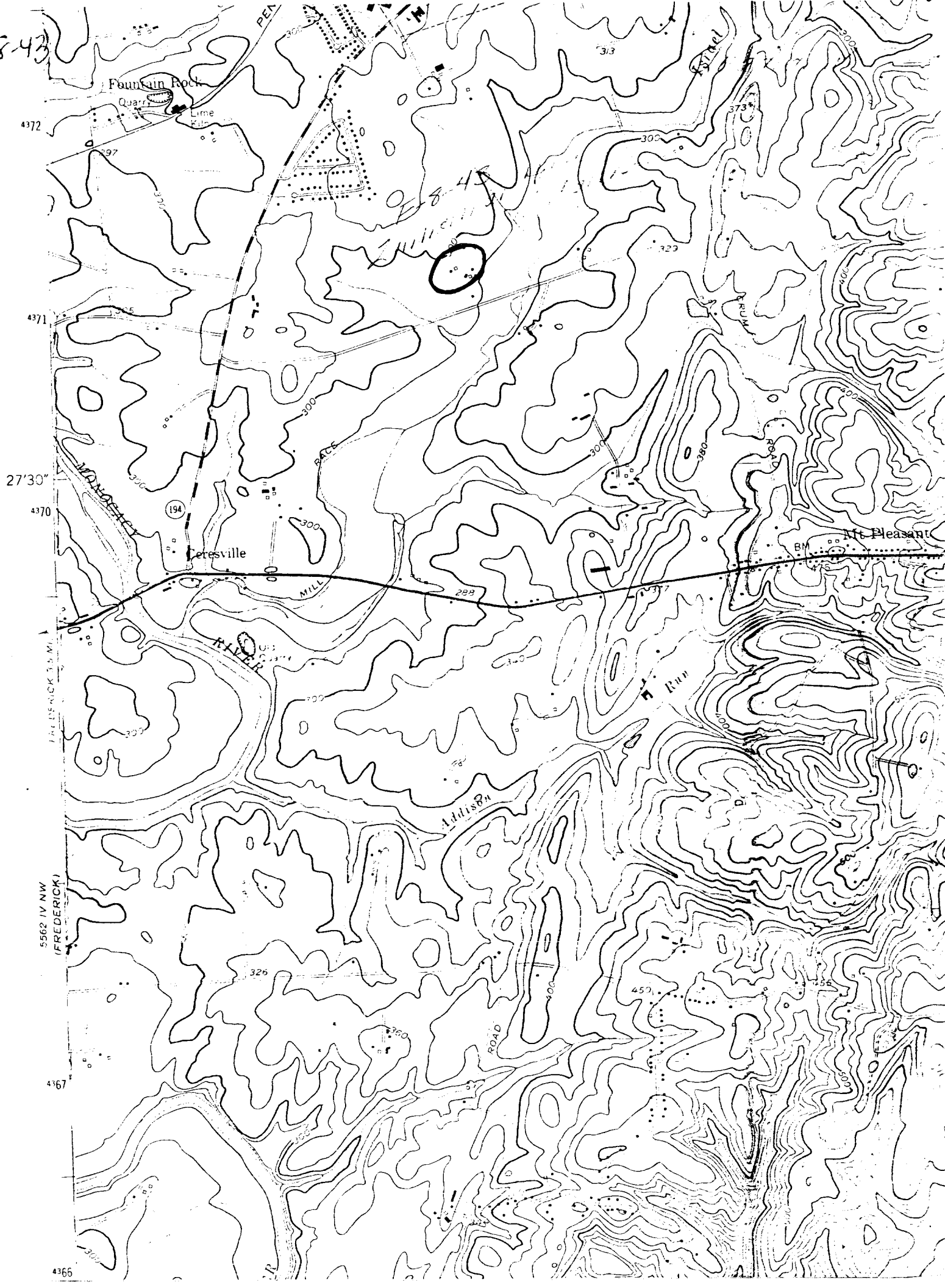
The Zimmerman House and Farm

A number of connecting frame and stone outbuildings are connected to the east wing of the structure. A one and a half story stone kitchen or smokehouse is located to the east of the east wing. It is constructed of coursed, quarried stone and covered by a tin roof. A replaced brick chimney rises from the east gable end of the structure.

The most distinctive building on the farm is a stone barn located to the east of the house. The barn is constructed totally of stone with stone quoins on the north and south ends of the structure and original air vents at the base. A brick silo is located on the west side of the barn. Both structures are covered by a standing seam tin roof.

The house and connecting outbuildings are approached down a long drive which lends an impressive view of the buildings from Stauffer Road.

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Zimmerman

Hse & Farm

N/5 Stauffer Rd.

n. Walkusville

west wing

South elevation

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Zimmerman
House & Farm
n/3 Stauffer Rd.
m. Walthamville
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main structure
South elevation



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Zimmerman
Hse. & Farm
n/5 Stauffer Rd.
Stone Run
DE5 7/20/79